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INHIBITORS OF APOPTOSIS AND OTHER CELLULAR DAMAGE

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting apoptosis in a cell, the method comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of an apoptosis inhibitor selected from the group consisting of colostrinin, a constituent peptide of colostrinin and combinations thereof; wherein the constituent peptide of colostrinin is selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1), LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPPFV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPFPKLKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO: 8); and wherein the apoptosis inhibitor inhibits apoptosis in the cell.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is present in a cell culture, a tissue, an organ, or an organism.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the cell is a human cell.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the inhibitor is colostrinin.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the inhibitor is a constituent peptide of colostrinin selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1),

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LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3),
LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM
(SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), LKPFPKLKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID
NO:8), and combinations thereof.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the apoptosis is due to DNA damage.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for protecting against DNA damage in a cell, the method comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of colostrinin, a constituent peptide of colostrinin, and combinations thereof;

wherein the constituent peptide of colostrinin is selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1), LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPFPKLKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO: 8);

and wherein the compound protects the cell against DNA damage.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the cell is present in a cell culture, a tissue, an organ, or an organism.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.

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15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the cell is a human cell.

16-24. (Canceled)